Mr: K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* May I know whether on account of the imposition of this custom duty the actual grower of the arecanut is getting a lesser price than before?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That is again another point raised in the Memorial and it is being enquired into.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether in the case of arecanuts for which duty is already paid in British Malabar and imported into our State markets the Government will collect duty again?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There will be no case of double taxation at all.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Supposing a merchant.....

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member is putting a hypothetical question.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഡ്യൂട്ടി ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിയശേഷം ഏതു കവുങ്ങുകൾ ഈ രാജ്യത്തു മറിച്ചു പോയിട്ടുണ്ട്?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: അറിവില്ല. നോട്ടീസ് വേണം

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അതിന്റെ കണക്കെടുക്കുവാൻ വിരോധമുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു. കണക്കെടുക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Issa Sait *(Mattancheri):* May I know what is the total amount Government are expecting out of this duty?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Over 20 lakhs of rupees.

Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Issa Sait *(Mattancheri):* For one year?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes, for one year.

SALE OF TREES ON LANDS ADJOINING RESERVE FOREST—PROCEDURE REGARDING

159. **Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state, whether it is the practice of the Revenue Department to inform or consult the Forest Department officers when sales are made of trees standing on lands adjoining the Reserve Forest?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan-Peishkar):* No.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Are there Officers under the Revenue Department who assess these trees at the proper value?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan-Peishkar):* Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Are not many of these Village forests touching or adjoining reserve forests?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan-Peishkar):* There are such also.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will it not be better for the Government to consult the officers of the Forest Department when sales are conducted?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan-Peishkar):* The matter has been considered long, long ago and decision has been arrived at that it is not necessary because the standing trees in reserve forests are not to be sold.

PADDY TAKEN FROM THOLATIL HOUSE IN THIRUVANKULAM VILLAGE—PARTICULARS OF

160. **Mr. P. Narayana Menon** *(Trippunittura):* Will Government be pleased to answer the following questions.—

(*a*) did the Paddy Purchasing Officers of the C. K. Taluk find out and take charge of about 100 paras of paddy from one Tholatil House in Thiruvankulam Village, this year;

(*b*) did the paddy belong to the owner of the House;

(*c*) if not what action did the Government take on the owner of the house for keeping paddy in his house and to find out the real owner of the same?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The matter is subjudice.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: സംഗതി ചെയ്തയാൾ ആരാണെന്നു കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചുവോ?

Roa Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The matter is under investigation by the police.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In which court is the matter now pending?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur (*Commissioner of Police*): Charge has not been sent to Court. It is under consideration whether a charge is to be laid.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* And yet you call it sub-judice?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (*Advocate-General*): It is sub-judice. The moment the F. I. R. is sent to the Court, the case comes under its charge and without the permission of the Court it cannot be withdrawn.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is the Government going to withdraw that case also?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (*Advocate-General*): Who ever said so?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur (*Commissioner of Police*) It is not decided.

EXTENT OF LANDS OWNED AND QUANTITY OF PADDY GIVEN BY CERTAIN PERSONS IN THIRUVANKULAM VILLAGE

161. Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunittura):* Will Government be pleased to give the following information.—

(*a*) the area of paddy fields belonging to Punnachalil Kurian Thomman and Koodamana Madhavan Kartha of Thiruvankulam Village;

(*b*) the actual yield of paddy from the above lands for the Kanni crop according to the statement filed by the parties before the Paddy Purchasing Officers and the paddy surrendered by each of them to Government?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) and (*b*) It will not be consistent with public interest to publish the exact figures called for. The Hon'ble Member may, however, note that the purchases were made from the two individuals after due and proper enquiries were made regarding the extent and yield.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ശരിയായ സംഖ്യ പറഞ്ഞാൽ public interest-നെ എങ്ങിനെയാണ് അഫക്ട് ചെയ്യുന്നു?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): In the opinion of the Government it is not consistent with public interest to publish the figures.

Mr. Joseph Petta (*Adur*): May I know the actual total quantity?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: That is what has been asked for.

Mr. Joseph Petta (*Adur*): What is the objection to divulge the actual quantity?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: That has been stated already.

PURCHASES OF VIRUPPU CROP—TALUK-WAR LIST OF

162. Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunittura):* Will Government be pleased to furnish a taluk-war statement of the paddy purchased during the Chingam—Kanni crops of 1119 and 1120 separately?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The Taluk-war list of purchases from Viruppu crop of 1119 and that of 1120 till 15th November 1944/30th Thulam 1120 is appended. *(Please see Appendix II).*

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ തലപ്പിള്ളി താലൂക്കിൽ കഴിഞ്ഞ കൊല്ലത്തേക്കാൾ കൂടുതലും ചിറ്റൂർ കൊച്ചി കണയന്നൂർ താലൂക്കുകളിൽ കഴിഞ്ഞ കൊല്ലത്തേക്കാൾ കുറവും വരുവാൻ പ്രത്യേകം വല്ല കാരണവുമുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* As regards Chittur, though on the date we have given the purchase was comparatively less, subsequently more has been purchased. Purchase was started only late. That is why on a particular date the purchase is less. But subsequently the purchase has been made up and the figure on 7th January 1945 is 7,41,768 paras of paddy as against what is given in the answer. As regards Cochin-Kanayannur the purchase is less because this year there has been a larger failure of crop in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk due to the scarcity of rain and ingress of salt water.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know, whether any of these 7 Swaroopams referred to in the answer.....

Mr. President: On which question is the Hon'ble Member putting the supplementary question?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): I am on Mr. Ezhuthassan's question No. 163.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Do the figures cover all the three crops, Viruppu, Mundakan and Puncha?

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